

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to improve the clarity of the claimed subject matter and to bring the claims into conformity with U.S. Practice and format, and to place the application fully in condition for allowance. The SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION revises the original written description so that it now conforms to the appropriate format for U.S. patent specifications and provides appropriate antecedent language for the new claims. All of the amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure of this application and therefore do not constitute the introduction of any new matter into this case. The original Abstract has been amended to provide a more concise summary of the disclosure in accordance with U.S. practice format.

The claims, specification, Abstract and drawings are objected to due to informalities. Accordingly, the claims have been amended, a Substitute Specification submitted herewith, the Abstract amended, and the drawings corrected, in substantial accord with the Examiner's suggestions.

Applicant has not yet received an indication from the Examiner as to the acceptability of the originally filed drawings and requests such indication in the next Official Action, in the absence of which it is assumed that the original drawings are acceptable.

Claims 1-7 remain pending upon entry of the amendments to the claims above.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

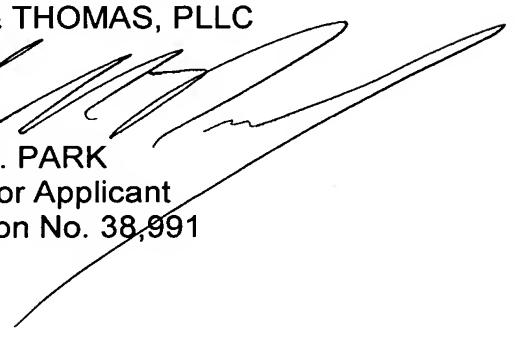
Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-7 would be allowable if the informalities are corrected. Accordingly, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application which can be resolved by a telephone call or facsimile communication to Applicant's Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile at the numbers provided below.

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